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In the Specification

Please delete paragraph 26 on page 6, paragraphs 47 & 50 on page 9 & paragraph 52 on page 10, and replace them with the paragraphs 25A, 26, 47, 50 and 52 set forth immediately below.

NE B1 [0025A] Figures 2A and 2B each show schematic side views of an embodiment of a single layer wherein Figure 2A shows a distance between a metal ring and a metal layer as small and Figure 2B shows the distance as large.

B2 [0026] Figures 2,3 and 4 each show schematic side-views on an embodiment of a single layer gasket;

B3 [0047] In the embodiment of the gasket 1 shown in Figure 6, the welding bead 6⁷ is arranged in the apex 6a of the sealing bead 6. The sealing bead 6 and the welding bead 7 extend in opposite directions (the sealing bead 6 upwards and the welding bead 7 downwards). The metal ring 5 is welded to the metal layer 3 via the welding bead 7 and extends substantially parallel with respect to the extension plane of the metal layer 3. Accordingly, it is arranged within the sealing bead 6.

B4 [0051] With respect to generating ~~sealing~~welding beads 7, the embodiments of the basket according to Figures 7 and 8 correspond to those Figures 3 and 4, that is as for the former, the ~~sealing~~welding bead is arranged in the metal layer 3 whereas as for the latter, the ~~sealing~~welding bead 7 is arranged in the metal ring 5.

B5 [0052] Figure 10 shows an embodiment of the gasket 1 comprising three metal layers 3, 3', 3''. In this embodiment, the ~~sealing~~welding bead 7 is arranged in the metal layer 3' (in Figure 10 the upper one). The welding bead 7 faces towards the metal layer 3' (in Figure 10 the middle one). Via the welding bead 7, the metal ring 5 is welded to the metal layer 3''. The metal layer 3' has a cranking 8 which is realized as a cranking edge 8a in the metal layer 3'. The metal layer 3'', the cranking 8 is arranged such that in case an external force acts on the metal layer 3'' which involves a displacement of the metal ring 5 in the height extension direction h of the welding bead 7, the cranking 8 can receive the metal ring 5. In this case, the external circumference 5b of the metal ring 5 and the cranking edge 8a of cranking 8 are arranged opposite with respect to each other.